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SUBJECT: BUBONIC PLAGUE OUTBREAK IN LESOTHO

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- 1. IT ANNOUNCED HERE APRIL 10 THAT SAG HAS RE-OPENED BORDER POSTS CLOSED EARLIER (REFTEL) ON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM LESOTHO THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BEING DONE TO CONTROL PLAGUE.
- 2. SULPHANILIMIDES AND VACCINES STILL NOT RECEIVED BY GOL BUT ARRIVAL VIA BLOEMFONTEIN IMMINENT.
- 3. AS HEARD OVER RADIO LESOTHO THIS MORNING, GOL HEALTH MINISTER MOTA DENIED THERE ANY PLAGUE IN LESOTHO AND SAID GOL COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SOUTH AFRICA HAD FOUND ANY REASON FOR CLOSING BORDER POSTS. CANNOT BELIEVE THIS DECEPTION WILL FOOL ANYONE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESPECIALLY SOUTH AFRICANS WHO MUST BE AWARE OF JOHANNESBURG

LABORATORY'S TESTS CONFIRMING BUBONIC PLAGUE. FURTHERMORE, FOLLOWING RADIO STORY DESCRIBED HOW POLICE MOBILE UNIT HELPING GOL MEDICAL TEAMS SPRAY HUTS IN AREA AFFLICTED WITH PLAGUE. HAUGHT

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